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Hongkong, November 11, 1905. 2191

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State terms, etc., to
'OFFICE.'
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, November 22, 1905. 2172

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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
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MOVED to 3, PEDDER STREET
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Hongkong, November 27, 1905. 2193

NOTICE.
I Have This Day RESUMED CHARGE
of the Business of **JOHN D. BUT-
CHISON & CO.**
W. MALCOLM WATSON.
Hongkong, November 25, 1905. 2190

THE FORTABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.
I Have This Day APPOINTED Messrs
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. GENERAL
MANAGERS for Hongkong for the
above Society, in the place of Mr F.
KIRK, whose engagement has been
terminated.
J. T. HAMILTON,
General Manager for the East.
Hongkong, November 15, 1905. 2122

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Hongkong, November 15, 1905. 2225

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
LOST.
THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 3025
for TEN SHARES numbered 17968
to 17999 and 4271 to 4275 inclusive, stand-
ing in the Register in the name of
EDWARD SHELLIM, of Hongkong,
having been LOST, notice is hereby given
that unless the said CERTIFICATE be
produced at the Office of the Company, 5,
Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong,
on or before the Seventh day of Decem-
ber, 1905, a New Certificate for the said
Shares will be issued and the Old Certificate
will thereafter be held by the Company as
null and void.
A. SHELLIM HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 17, 1905. 2234

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Orders required to be filled in the Early Morning should be sent in before 3.30 p.m.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sale Room.

3.30 p.m.—Auction of English-made Gold & Diamond Jewellery, etc. at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Gent's Suits, Trench Coats, etc. at Mr. V. I. Remedios' Sales Rooms.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of The China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. Close from this date to 18th December inclusive.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, December 1.

Noon—Auction of Steam Launch Dubin at Blake Pier.

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

Goods per Trieste undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, December 2.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at No. 2, Urmsby Terrace, Kowloon.

THURSDAY, December 4.

9.15 p.m.—Subscription Dance, in the City Hall.

Goods per Armada undelivered after this date subject to rent and landing charges.

THURSDAY, December 4.

Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

FRIDAY, December 5.

Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1905.

IS ANYTHING IMPOSSIBLE?

Men, whose thoughts soared the limits in which their envelope of mortal flesh bound them, have been presumptuous enough to declare that, for the coming man, nothing will be impossible.

Bulwer Lytton expressed this sentiment in a kind of way in 'Richieu'.

'In the fiction of youth which fate reserves for a bright manhood, there is no such word as—fail'.

The poet of course may not have meant that there was no such thing as failure—he must have been a pretty poor observer if he had—and perhaps intended the sentiment as a spur to endeavour and an exhortation to continue trying unto seventy times seven if necessary. But others have gone much farther and have claimed that by meditation and a study of the laws of the unseen world men can free their souls and draw aside the curtain which screens the Infinite. To such as these the principle of gravitation, the rise and decline of powers mental and physical as the human frame waxes from youth to middle age and wanes from middle age to the period of

'lean and slipper'd pantaloon' are not immutable natural laws, but simply problems which have for the nonce baffled the powers of the investigators. Such philosophers hold, even to-day, that the existence of the marvellous stone or substance by which the baser metals can be transmuted into gold is not an idle dream but that the search for its discovery is not worth an earnest student's while. The Elixir of Life also they believe is discoverable, but there again, as they are dead to all human sympathy, they shrug their shoulders, mutter 'Le jeu ne vaut pas la chandelle,' and turn disdainfully back to their transcendentalism. These are not as a rule men who are scientists in the strict sense of the word. The genuine scientist bends his intellect upon some material problem and as a general rule he confines himself to the study of one particular subject and he dies happy if he has added the most infinitesimal amount to the general store of the world's knowledge which we are surrounded. It is individuals of the pseudo-scientific type, such as the author of 'The First Men in the Moon,' who achieve the too exalted idea of mortal powers and who dream of a day when men will be able to defy the operation of the laws of Nature. Sometimes too little learning brings madness, as does too much. It is a healthy and a desirable thing that the average young man should feel self-confidence; should persuade himself that anything to which he sets his hand—provided of course that his aim is honest and his ambition honourable

—can be accomplished and that the obstacles in the path only break the monotony of the upward journey. In one sense, even if the goal be never won, there is no failing. The triumph is in the attempt, in the courage and steadfastness which

'Allured to brighter worlds and led the way.'

Looking at matters in this light we are tempted to subscribe to the belief that nothing is impossible, if we are allowed to give our own definition of the word.

In our numerically small community, significant happenings are few and it is difficult for us to fill our leading columns with articles on topics of local interest. This is the 'After the Ball' morning and it was suggested that there was nothing to write about. We essayed, therefore, to do what even the man most drunken with intellectual pride admits is impossible—to create something out of nothing. This is the result.

WHO'S WHO IN THE FAR EAST.

One of the most important portions of the equipment of a professional man's office, that is a professional man who wishes to keep in step with the march of the times, is a good reference library. In these days when we have both enlightened enterprise and unscrupulous exploitation, publications of this kind are numerous, and considerable discretion has to be used by the intending purchaser. A work that is published purely and simply as a money-making speculation should be avoided. Although the millennium when

no one shall work for money and no one shall work for fame

is still undiscernible in the mists of the future, there are a number of reference books published which fill a legitimate want and which consequently have a right to expect the meed of support which is the due of those who conscientiously serve the public. Under modern conditions a work has to possess merit or utility or both to gain a foothold. Of recent years there have been a number of volumes issued which were transparent catch-penny devices to induce people to pay to have their names inserted and so gain distinction. The general dissemination of the knowledge that this C. O. D. notoriety was being hawked about killed most of these immoral undertakings in their callow youth. In the Far East, although there are really admirable directories, there is no work similar to 'Who's Who,' which, as most people are aware, is the standard book of biographical reference (in regard to living people) in Great Britain. In the East there are many number of men who have achieved distinction in some walk of life or another, and it has been suggested that a collection of interesting data could be made if those who were entitled to the courtesy were requested to supply the information. Subsequently a proposal was made that the CHINA MAIL should undertake the publication of a volume entitled 'Who's Who in the Far East.' After careful investigation of the standing and bona-fides of the individuals concerned we decided that, as the undertaking was in no wise similar to the catch-penny concerns to which we have already referred, we would lend it the light of our countenance. The Editor of the volume informs us that, without being guilty of a breach of confidence, he may state that the response from the very highest quarters has been most gratifying. Courtesy in supplying full information as to their careers, and promptitude in returning the forms supplied for the filling in of the necessary information, have been shown by a great number of the foremost men in the Colony. Knowing as we do the lines upon which the work is being prepared we feel safe in assuring them that they will have no reason to regret their action when they see the volume. The people who will feel regret are those who have been approached and who are too indifferent to think the matter over and to realise that there is a great difference between a work issued by a reputable and responsible office, and a 'two pages for \$30,' swindle. It costs these good folk nothing to send in the information they are asked to supply, and if it is not supplied they must not blame the Publishers or Editor if their names do not appear. Of course our desire is to make the volume as complete and as valuable as possible, but with the immense amount of classification and other work entailed by the replies which have already come to hand it is impossible to do more than courteously request those with whom communication has been opened to favour the Editor with replies as early as practicable. The day of publication is not so far distant and delays are proverbially dangerous.

At the date when last newspaper files left England there was a prospect of the political sky clearing considerably. Friends and opponents seemed to have agreed that the Liberals and Free-traders are to sweep the country in the forthcoming election. Liberal speakers were becoming less captious and more ready to formulate a programme rather than abuse the present Government. They seem to say, as Kent said of the dying Lear:

'Vex not his ghost: O! let him pass; he knows his own business.'

That would upon the rack of this tough world stretch him out longer.

The wonder is he hath endured so long: He but unwary'd his life.

The game of abuse, of course, flourished at bye-elections, every one of which went against the Government with painful monotony. The great leaders took no part in these, but Mr Morley, Mr Asquith, and Lord Rosebery have made statesmanlike speeches of late and outlined with some authority a moderate and reassuring programme for our expectant rulers. Even Lord Rosebery is converted to approval of the Anglo-French entente, and all sing the praises of Japanese alliance, with the solitary exception of Mr Leonard Courtney who has taken up the thankless office of *Advocatus Diaboli*, denouncing all alliances on the broad principle that it is impossible to make one friend without thereby calling forth half a dozen enemies.

We observe that English papers admirably republish the report from San Francisco that Miss Alice Roosevelt insisted that the Customs authorities there should search her boxes just as if she had not been her father's daughter. Much humour, some of rather a grim kind, has been generated by the eccentricities of the harmful and unnecessary Customs officer. It is told of one of the genus that a lot of passengers' luggage had been deposited upon a wharf, in that careful and considerate manner which so often excites the admiration of the traveller, and his lynx eye detected a self-satisfied looking young man apparently standing guard over a fine large camphor-wood box. The box was brass bound, had about three locks and was securely roped. Here was an opportunity such as seldom fall in the C. O.'s way. He approached the Y. M. and said truculently:

'Give me the keys of that box. I must examine it.'

The Y. M. blew a 'cool tobacco cloud,' surveyed the C. O. with an assumption of polite interest, and replied:

'You would confer a great favour upon me by—going' to—Heliogoland.'

The C. O. fumed.

'Look here,' he said, 'I'll stand none of your impertinence. I'll only give you the one chance. Give me your keys, or I'll have the box burst open. I know the law if you don't.'

Taking out a fresh cigarette the Y. M. carefully scrutinized it, lit it from the stub of the old one, and gazed placidly at the irate official for a few seconds.

'You may not have heard me,' he hazarded politely, 'but I told you that you would confer a favour upon me by going to—Heliogoland.'

The C. O. called a couple of assistants.

'Break open that box,' he roared.

The deed was done. The valuables within were scattered broadcast on the filthy wharf. No contraband was found. All the while the Y. M. surveyed the operations with the air of polite interest which had characterized his demeanour throughout.

'It's your own fault,' said the C. O. 'Now you can put those things back yourself. I know the law if you don't.'

'It gratifies me beyond measure,' responded the Y. M., 'to learn that you are the proud possessor of such erudition. But the whole performance would have interested me considerably more if that had been my box.'

Reduced Prices.

Messrs G. & Co., wine and spirit merchants of No. 19, Queen's Road Central, notify their customers that they are to benefit by the high rate of exchange ruling. From the present date a reduction of ten per cent is to be made on cash purchases and half that amount on credit sales of wine and spirits.

FEELING BETTER TO-DAY.—Three people who began taking Stearns' Fine of God Laver Oil for a bad cough and general bad health last week, are feeling better to-day. Don't wish you did?

Sprained Ankle, Stiff Neck, Lame Shoulder.

These are three common ailments for which Chamberlain's Pain Balm is especially valuable. It promptly relieves it will save you time, money and suffering when troubled with any one of these ailments. For sale by All Dealers in Watsons & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

H.M.S. 'Albatross' arrived in port this morning from the north, and the usual salutes were exchanged.

Yesterday being the American Thanksgiving Day, Mr J. W. Osborne, of the Howlong Hotel, arranged a special dinner for the occasion, and those invited pronounced the entertainment excellent in the extreme.

An accident happened to a Chinese stone-carrier at Yau-matong Wednesday last which has resulted in his death. The man was engaged carrying stones down a hill, down the side of which the workmen on top were rolling stones. The deceased was struck by one of these and sustained a fractured skull. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where his death occurred to-day. One of the workmen has been arrested pending the result of inquiry into the deceased's body.

Infected.

The following telegram, dated Nov. 30, has been received from the Government of Burma, by the Colonial Secretary:—

'Hongkong has been declared an infested area. Inform shipping firms.'

Queen Alexandra's Birthday.

A good display of bunting was made in the harbour to-day by the British and foreign men-of-war and a number of the merchant vessels in honour of the birthday of Queen Alexandra. At noon a royal salute was fired.

The Equitable Life.

Messrs Shaw, Sons and Co., General Managers of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, have received a telegram from the Company's headquarters notifying that the satisfactory position occupied by the Company after the examination, the telegram says the chartered accountants have certified to the Directors of the Equitable Company that the assets as claimed are all in hand and amounted on September 30 to \$418,000,000 (gold).

The Bishop of Macao.

The Right Rev. Dom Jose Paulino d'Almeida, Bishop of Macao, accompanied by five European priests, arrived at Sing-pore on November 23 from Timor. Dilly by the Dutch mail steamer 'Goonar' near General D'Almeida. On the arrival of the steamer, the Bishop was welcomed on board by the Rev. Father Cardoso (Vicar General), Vital and Bragança, Messrs Lobato (Secretary to the Portuguese Consulate), Scott and Decker, vicars of the Portuguese church and F. d'Almeida. During the Bishop's three days' stay at Batavia he was the guest of the Dutch Roman Catholic Bishop.

Band at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. A. O. Fittou, D. S. O. and Officer, the Band of the Second Battalion 'The Queen's Own' (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the following programme of music, during dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, on Saturday, 2nd December, 1905.

March.....Stars and Stripes.....Scott's Overture.....Schubert.....Supper Value.....La Vierge.....Toccata Selection from.....'A Country Girl'.....Munich.....

Highland Patrol.....The Woe MacGregor's.....Sailor's Bird of Prey.....Hendel's Rhapsody.....All Nations.....F. Godfrey

Cake Walk.....Cotton Blossoms.....Hail God Save the King.

Death of Captain Sherman.

Writing under date of November 3, our Canton correspondent says: 'The untimely death of Captain H. O. Sherman will be mourned with regret by his sudden death which occurred yesterday at 1 p.m. He had been unwell for some time, but yesterday morning he went on board the launch "Brimstone" which he was in charge of, and said that he was much better. But he was suddenly taken with heart trouble and expired in a short time. Deceased was for some time in the employ of the Imperial Chinese Customs, and was identified with the inland trade of this province for some fifteen years. At the time of his death he was a faithful and experienced employee of the British American Tobacco Company. He was a native of the State of Washington, U. S. A., and his father is still living there. The funeral will take place from his residence on Hanoi, the remains being interred in the Foreign Cemetery opposite the Mission Fort at the afternoon.

NO USE OF IT.—What is the use of taking pills and lozenges and cough remedies when you can get Stearns' Fine of God Laver Oil, which is delicious and does more good.

A Prominent Publisher's Statement.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

MR. LOAN O. STROVER, proprietor of the Worcester, Mass. City News, says: 'For the past seven years, or since we have been in South Africa, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has always been in our household. It is promptly applied to all colds, coughs, and croup, and the symptoms have disappeared without the slightest remedy, and no influence. For sale by All Dealers in Watsons & Co., Ltd., General Agents.'

BY TELEGRAPH.

MACEDONIAN REPORT.

SAILORS LANDED AT MYTILENE.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters via Bombay.)

London, November 30.

Six hundred International sailors were landed at Mytilene, but some twenty-five hundred were re-embarked, as they were not required.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

THE TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters via Bombay.)

London, November 30.

The telegraph strike, which was declared in Russia, still continues.

No telegrams are leaving the country except precariously through Finland.

THE POWERS AND CRETE.

FOREIGN SOLDIERS REMAIN.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters via Bombay.)

